

# Gas on Sundays? Nixon may have to man the pumps

A Herald staff report

Few gasoline dealers in the Northwest suburbs plan to return to a seven-day-a-week operation, as indicated in a spot check of local dealers. This, despite President Nixon's announcement Tuesday that he's withdrawing the request for voluntary Sunday closings by dealers. The request for Sunday closings had been effective since last Nov. 25.

A sampling of 37 dealers turned up the following results: 21 do not plan to open their stations on Sunday; 13 said

"maybe" they will do so, and 3 said they will open their stations Sundays.

The American Automobile Assn., said 17 per cent of the nation's service stations were open last Sunday, compared with 11 per cent in January and 12 per cent in February.

A resounding "no" to questions about Sunday sales is indicated in these comments from Northwest suburban dealers:

• John Molick of Molick's Standard Service in Des Plaines: "No. I found out what it's like to be home with my

wife and family after 12 years in this business, and I like it."

• At Frank's Gas for Less in Des Plaines, a spokesman said "Ask Nixon, where do I get the gas? If I could get more gas, I would be glad to stay open on Sunday to accommodate my customers."

• "The hell with what the President says. What does he know? He flies," said an attendant at John's Super Shell in Palatine.

• "I'm taking advantage of a good

thing," said an attendant at Al's Enco in Rolling Meadows. Taking Sunday off is like getting away from "a big headache," he said.

• Jim Weber, day manager at Walden Mobil station in Schaumburg said "No we're not. Sunday is a bad day and we feel we have a day off coming, too."

• At the Arlington Heights Citgo station, 1001 S. Arlington Heights Rd., a spokesman said he doesn't have enough gas to open Sundays.

• "Hell no, I won't open," said Jack

Parker, operator of Arlington Park Arco in Arlington Heights. "People who need gas for Sundays can get it Saturday night or during the day."

• "When the banks are open Sundays, then I'll open on Sundays," said Jack Berndt at Jack's Marathon station in Prospect Heights. He's been closed for a year on Sundays.

AMONG THE "maybe" responses are the following comments:

• "We still don't know yet, because the allocation isn't high enough," said

Harry Howland, owner of the South Point Shell station in Wheeling.

• "I don't know anything about it. The company informs me what to do and I do it," said Elmer Waskosky of Pay Less Stations in Wheeling.

• At the Montgomery Ward station in Mount Prospect, assistant manager Joe Urbanski said, "I don't know yet. We haven't gotten anything from our corporate office yet."

Ample supplies of gasoline are reported

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## Bill's opponents among leading candidates

# 5 already in running for suburb RTA post



Jack Walsh



Robert Atcher

by KURT BAER

The last ballot had not been counted before speculation sprang up Wednesday on the possibility of a Northwest suburban appointee to the governing board of the new Regional Transportation Authority.

Among the names mentioned were Arlington Heights Village Pres. Jack Walsh, former Elk Grove Village Mayor Jack Pahl, Mount Prospect Mayor Robert D. Teichert and Schaumburg Mayor Robert O. Atcher.

Joseph A. Tecson, Riverside Township Republican committeeman and unsuccessful aspirant last fall for the GOP's

county board slate, also is regarded as a likely candidate.

Floyd Fulle, influential Cook County commissioner who will help select two representatives from suburban Cook County to sit on the RTA board, said Wednesday he had a file of applicants "two inches thick."

"We started this thing a long time ago," Fulle said. "We'll set up some selection process. I'm not going to do this myself."

FULLE AND THREE other suburban commissioners must select two RTA board members within the next 28 days,

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Robert Teichert



Jack Pahl

## Village leans to subsidy for Metron bus company

by KURT BAER

A majority of the Arlington Heights Village Board apparently is ready to subsidize the Metron System Co.—at least for a limited time and in limited amounts.

Trustees, contacted by The Herald yesterday, generally said they still believe that a commuter bus service is a good idea, and should be tested a little while longer before it is dropped.

Each board member, however, said he would withhold final judgment until Metron's books are reviewed by the village administration. The financially-troubled company has asked for a \$2,000 monthly operating subsidy in order to continue running in Arlington Heights.

"I find myself to be at least open-minded about a subsidy on a short-term basis, with the assumption that the State of Illinois is going to come through with a subsidy of its own," said Arlington Heights Village Pres. Jack Walsh.

METRON PRESIDENT Claude Luisada says he expects a \$15,000 subsidy from the Illinois Department of Transportation. However, actual payment has been held up since the end of February.

"I think it would be very harmful to have a break in the bus service, where it is dropped and then started up again if the state comes through," Walsh said.

Within a month to six weeks, Metron should know whether the state money is going to be available, Walsh said. If it is, the funds almost certainly would be used to reimburse the village for its subsidy.

"You never feel too good about something like this. However, I think I'm inclined to go along with a subsidy, but not for too long a period," said Trustee David Griffin.

He suggested that the subsidy money might be drawn from Arlington Heights' revenue sharing — federal funds given to municipalities for use locally. "I think this is an area of expanded service where revenue sharing might really belong."

GRIFFIN SAID HE would be against a permanent operating subsidy "for a couple hundred riders, especially since some of them come from areas outside the village."

In addition to three routes between the train station and subdivisions in Arlington Heights, Metron picks up riders from Buffalo Grove and Wheeling.

"I don't think a subsidy is anything that should be unexpected," said Trustee Richard Durava.

"The Village of Arlington Heights has no reason to expect it can do what virtually no one else in the country has been able to do, that is, run a bus company that makes money."

He also pointed to the high cost of providing additional commuter parking near the train station.

"I'm not totally opposed to the idea of a subsidy, but I think we have to take a hard look at it," said Trustee Frank Palmatier, chairman of the village board's finance committee.

HE SAID THAT revenue sharing probably could be used for the subsidy, adding however that he was "not enamored" with that prospect.

"I think we have to take a good look at Mr. Luisada to see if he's the guy who should be running the bus company. I'm in favor of a bus company in town and I don't think it should be run by the village," said Trustee Ralph Clarbour.

Trustee J. Burton Thompson said that, in general, he "favored a subsidy on a limited basis."

"The service seems to have gotten off the ground and is moving in the right direction. Whether it will ever go far enough, I don't know."

James T. Ryan, another trustee, said he felt "encouraged that Metron's rider-share appears to be increasing and that there appears to be some acceptance of the service by people in the village."

"WHETHER THIS IS going to carry me to voting for a village subsidy, I don't know," he said. "I am not unaware of the fact that there are very few bus companies operating anywhere without a subsidy."

Ryan said the "tremendous dollar crunch" already on the village's 1974-75 budget could make a subsidy for Metron "a difficult question of priorities."

Trustee Ted Salinsky, who already has said he supports a commuter bus service, said yesterday that "the big problem is that the village budget isn't balanced at the present time and we don't know what kind of bottomless pit a subsidy is going to be."

Salinsky said he was against "touching revenue sharing for this kind of thing."

The ninth member of the village board,

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## Believe it—it's spring!

Today is the first full day of spring.

It officially began Wednesday at 7:07 p.m., when the sun made its yearly appearance over the equator, which is known as the vernal equinox.

In California Tuesday, specifically at San Juan Capistrano, the swallows returned, as they have for at least 175 years. They made the 3,000-mile flight from Argentina to the cheers of thousands of townspeople.

Local residents call it "Swallows Homecoming Day" ever since the

birds began coming back to the same spot every year on the date since March 19, 1799.

Locally, area park districts and golf courses are preparing their grounds for the increase in outdoor sports and other activities.

Gardeners are preparing for better days ahead, culminating in the warm summer months when plants and flowers take full bloom.

But some people are wondering why anyone would even talk about spring.

"It's 35 degrees outside! What do you mean, spring?"



## Primary post mortem:



RICHARD B. OGILVIE



FLOYD FULLE

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**The Oil Game**



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## Park site study may be scrapped

A preliminary study of 21 possible park sites may have to be scrapped before it is considered by either the Arlington Heights Plan Commission or the Arlington Heights Park District.

The study, prepared by village planner Joe Kesler, outlined a land acquisition policy for the park district in conjunction with the village. Kesler's proposal called for an additional 832 acres to be set aside for development of parks by 1995.

The park district now has 319 acres serving a population of more than 73,000. The Northwest suburbs have been termed one of the most park-starved regions in the country by federal surveys.

Kesler's map of reserved park sites indicated only general areas in which land should be set aside.

GEORGE GRULKE, chairman of the subcommittee studying future park sites, said Village Atty. Jack Siegel gave an opinion that general sites, rather than specific designations, had no legal standing.

Once a portion of land has been designated as a reserve park site, the park district has a one-year option to purchase the land should it come on the market for development.

The park district originally asked that 12 sites, including the Magnus Farm, Rolling Green Country Club and the Lutheran Home, be designated as future parks. The Kesler study enlarged upon the original request to encompass projected growth areas of the village until 1995.

Kesler said of the park district's original presentation, "It seems almost accidental where they placed them . . . they saw just the vacant land."

THE NEW PROPOSAL calls for the acquisition of new parks and enlargement of existing parks be done in stages every five years until the park-population ratio is attained. He said, "Ideally, this should be updated annually. It should be a living document."

Grulke said he would consult further with Siegel about specific designation requirements and set a meeting of park district representatives and affected landowners with the plan commission subcommittee for March 28.

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# It's a business doing pleasure at Cooper Junior High



The new \$2200 milkshake machine is a popular addition to the Cooper lunchroom.

## Hersey

### No school Friday due to basketball

There will be no school tomorrow at Hersey High School.

Students will be dismissed for the day so they will be able to watch their team vie for the championship in the Illinois State High School Basketball Tournament. School officials said yesterday two bus loads of students have already signed up to travel to Champaign tomorrow morning. Eight more buses have been requested.

The Huskies will compete in quarter-finals at 12:15 p.m. tomorrow against the Bloom Township High School team from Chicago Heights. The winner will go on to semi-finals Saturday at noon. Finals will be held Saturday at 8 p.m.

Hersey principal Roland Goins said students will not make up the school day during spring vacation or at the end of the school year. A pep rally is planned for the team at noon today and the players will leave for Champaign at 12:30 p.m. Goins said a homecoming celebration for the team is being planned for Sunday.

### Village board gives cagers 'pat on back'

The Hersey High School basketball team was given a pat on the back by the Mount Prospect Village Board for the team's victorious showing in the state supersectionals Tuesday afternoon.

The trustees, meeting that night, unanimously approved a resolution wishing the team good luck in the Elite Eight tournament, which gets under way tomorrow in Champaign. About half of the Hersey student body lives in Mount Prospect.

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## Wheeling woman, 24, raped

A Wheeling woman, 24, was abducted from the lobby of her apartment building and taken to a deserted construction site where she was raped early Wednesday, Wheling police said.

Police are looking for a man about six feet tall, 170 pounds, white and between age 22 and 25. He was driving a red or maroon older model Chevrolet or Ford, Police Lt. Ronald Nelson said.

The man, wearing a red-ski-type mask, grabbed the woman as she entered the lobby of her apartment building, about 12:05 a.m. police said. He reportedly held a six-inch knife to her throat and told her to cooperate.

Police said the attacker put a stocking

hat over his victim's face and then led her outside to his automobile. The attacker then drove the woman to a construction site which police believe was at Tahoe Village, Buffalo Grove Road north of Hintz road.

Police said the woman was raped there and then returned to her own street. She ran to a neighbor's apartment and called police. This was about 12:35 a.m., police said.

Nelson said the name of the apartment complex was being withheld so as not to panic the residents. He said he would not want the residents to form any kind of vigilante group to try and find the attacker.

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## Principal Larry Weaver hawks his wares, and school gets profits

by JILL BETTNER

"Step right up! Get'cher tasty ice cream bars, dee-licious chocolate milkshakes or wet yer whistle with a can of pop!"

The barker could be Larry Weaver and the scene the cafeteria of Cooper Junior High School any day at noon time. Actually, the principal doesn't hawk the wares in the lunchroom, the students do. But Weaver is the brains behind a money-making scheme that is benefiting everybody at the Dist. 21 Buffalo Grove school.

Ice cream and other goodies are sold in most Dist. 21 lunchrooms to obtain extra revenue for activities and projects not covered by district funds. But at Cooper, the enterprising Weaver has expanded on the idea to offer students a variety of items and raise funds for many school improvements at the same time.

Cooper students are required to stay at school for the noon hour, either eating a hot lunch sold each day or bringing a bag lunch. Weaver said he felt the students should have a greater choice of menu and decided shortly after the school opened four years ago to check into selling items in the cafeteria.

MILK IS SOLD at all Dist. 21 schools, but to that Weaver added first ice cream bars, then fruit punch, and when the kids told him they'd like to have music in the lunchroom, a jukebox was installed.

When it became legal last December to sell "pop" in school cafeterias, a pop machine went in at Cooper. With revenue from the sale of the other items, the school purchased a \$2,200 milkshake machine in January.

The pop and milkshake machines put the fruit punch stand out of business, Weaver said. The competition from the sale of the extra items also forced the company that supplies hot lunches recently to begin offering two entrees instead of one, he added.

Selling ice cream bars at 15 cents each, cans of pop at 15 cents, milkshakes at 30 cents and operating the jukebox at a cost of 10 cents per record, the school

takes in about \$500 per week. About 40 per cent is clear profit, according to Weaver.

IN THE PAST four years, "ice cream money," as Weaver calls it, has paid for carpeting the school's learning center (\$3,000), the large sign in front of the school (\$1,000), and landscaping (\$800).

Goody revenue also provided the funds two years ago that allowed Cooper to offer vocational education way ahead of the other two junior high schools in the district. Home arts will not be offered at London and Holmes junior high schools until next fall when a district-wide program is to be implemented.

Cooper purchased almost \$500 in shop materials and \$400 in home economics equipment to set up vocational education classes as part of an elective program at the school.

In addition, the fund has paid for trophies and plaques, is used for entrance fees for cheerleaders and the drill teams when they enter contests and to partially defray the cost of uniforms.

The fund also paid the cost of providing athletic officials at sports events and transporting Cooper teams to other schools for two years, which Weaver estimated at about \$3,000.

THE "ICE CREAM ACCOUNT" also functions as a sort of emergency fund, the principal said. If, for example, a student is unable to afford the cost of participating in a field trip, his way is paid out of the fund.

Weaver said parents have not objected to selling goodies in the lunchroom and don't appear worried that their children will blow their lunch money everyday.

"It just offers kids a greater variety of things they can purchase and the profits go back into things they would normally not have," he said. "I think junior high kids are pretty well able to make decisions about what they should eat, too. It gets old to have a milkshake and a Coke everyday. I think the parents like it that they have the variety more than they fear their kids aren't eating right."

Right now, there's a balance of nearly \$5,000 in the account for ice cream sales



"Ice cream money" sign.

alone. Revenue from pop sales now stands at \$400 and the new milkshake machine is breaking even, Weaver said.

What's next? The principal is saving to install central air conditioning in the school or maybe purchase a small van to transport athletic teams.

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# \$250,000 budget proposed by township officials

The local scene

## Lenten program

"All With the Family" is the theme for the 1974 Lenten program series currently being held at the Southminster United Presbyterian Church of Arlington Heights, E. Central Road and S. Dryden Place.

The series features Sunday evening family potluck dinners and a variety of programs for adults and children.

Richard Poethig, a former Presbyterian missionary to the Philippines, will talk Sunday at 6:30 p.m. on the social, economical, political and religious issues of that country. Poethig is affiliated with the Presbyterian Institute for Industrial Relations in Chicago.

The final Lenten program will feature John Burkhardt who will present "Special Meals and Sacred People" on March 31 at 6:30 p.m.

Burkhardt is a professor of systematic theology at McCormick Seminary in Chicago. He served as the Southminster's minister before Rev. Robert W. Gish was installed earlier this year.

Separate film programs will be presented to children on both March 24 and 31. Potluck dinners will begin at 5:30 p.m. on both dates.

## Paper drive

Arlington Heights Girl Scout Troop 193 will conduct a paper drive Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Miner Junior High School parking lot, 1101 E. Miner.

Magazines and books must be tied separately from newspapers. For curbside pick-up call 259-3342 for further arrangements.

Girl Scout cookies also may be ordered at this time for \$1 a box.

St. James Parish will sponsor a series of lectures on transactional analysis by psychotherapist Larry Kokkelberg.

The first lecture is scheduled Friday April 5 in St. James Elementary School, 821 N. Arlington Heights Rd. Other sessions are planned April 19 and May 3.

The programs begin at 8 p.m. and cost is \$10 per person or \$15 for couples. Advance registration may be made by calling 394-3704.

She also suggested an increase of \$7,500 for office help to enable the township to hire a social worker to provide information and referral services.

The general assistance fund of \$58,850 will be increased from last year's \$51,300 because of skyrocketing costs of living and expenses, said Mrs. Kolerus. The township will have to pay more for food, rent, clothing, medical care and other services it provides for the needy.

## Music meeting

Music for Youth, a non-profit parents organization which sponsors the string instrument program in Arlington Heights School Dist. 25, will hold its monthly board meeting at 8 p.m. Thursday at South Junior High School.

The meeting will be held in Room 162 at the school, 301 W. South.

## Deadline Friday for school filing

Friday will be the last day to submit nominating petitions for the Arlington Heights School Dist. 25 election.

To date three candidates have filed petitions for the April 13 election. They are incumbents Joan Klussmann and Robert Kazlaski and independent Richard Hammerli.

Petitions are available for those who wish to file candidacy at the business office of the administration building, 301 W. South St. or at any School Dist. 25 school.

A township assessor's budget of \$21,072 was also approved by the board. This represents an increase of \$5,590 or a 36 per cent increase over last year's allocation of \$15,482. This category does not include the assessor's salary.

Theroux, in his presentation of the budget, told board members that there has been an increase of Wheeling Township residents who come in for information on assessments.

"There's an average of 40 people a day who come to the assessor's office," he said. "We need a higher knowledge on the tax structure." He added that with the increase in the assessor's budget, a full-time deputy assessor could be hired.

Mrs. Kolerus recommended to the board that funding for youth programs be increased from \$5,000 to \$25,000 next fiscal year.

## Village leans toward subsidy for bus firm

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Trustee Alice Harms, said she hadn't had time to think about the subsidy question.

The village board is scheduled to meet Monday night to formally consider financial aid for Metron.

Without an operating subsidy, Luisada says the service will end almost immediately.

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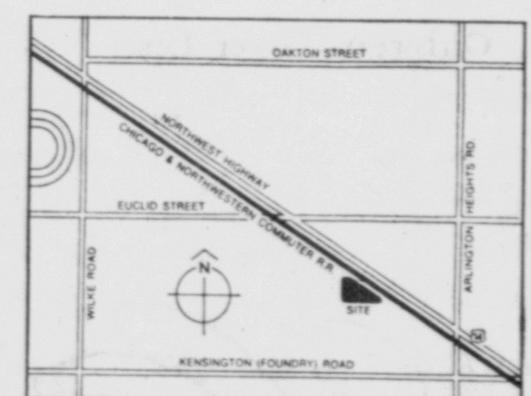
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## Suburb library system to seek \$178,000

The North Suburban Library System (NSLS), of which the Arlington Heights Memorial Library is a member, will apply for a federal grant of approximately \$178,000 through the federal Library Service and Construction Act.

Of that amount, the 34 individual libraries in the system will receive 5 cents per capita or \$54,000 and the system itself will receive 10 cents per capita or \$124,000 based on a population of 1,240,000 which NSLS serves.

The Arlington Heights Memorial Library will receive more than \$3,500 on the 5 cents per capita rate.

Robert McClaren, director of NSLS, said Wednesday that funds will be used

primarily for augmenting adult and children nonfiction collections, a regulation imposed by the state.

"THE STATE FEELS that this money is additional to local library budgets and should be used for strengthening those areas," said McClaren. "Many libraries are tempted to just buy what's in popular demand when there should be strong serious collections."

The regulation also states that no duplicates of materials may be purchased and not more than 20 per cent of the money should be spent on children's materials.

Funding also will go to the system's

Suburban Audio Visual Service, which provides social or service agencies with movie films and the Central Serials Service which provides access to all periodicals published.

Member libraries of NSLS profited from a similar federal grant in 1972, receiving about the same amount, \$178,000, as this year. McClaren said he did not know when the money will be released.

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